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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-16 (*Canceled*)

17. (*currently amended*) A perfumed detergent tablet, the tablet comprising a clay mineral compound, a heavy metal ion sequestrant from 0.5% to 5% by weight of the tablet and a perfume composition that is substantially free of Schiff base and wherein said tablet further comprises a coating and wherein said heavy metal ion sequestrant comprises alkali metal ethane 1-hydroxy diphosphonates; ethylenediamine-N,N'-disuccinic acid (EDDS); Na₂EDDS; Na₃EDDS; MgEDDS; MG₂EDDS; iminodiacetic acid derivatives; ethylenetriamine pentacetic acid; ethylenediamine disuccinic acid; ethylenediamine diglutaric acid; 2-hydroxypropylenediamine disuccinic acid; organic phosphonates; amino alkylene poly (alkylene phosphonates); alkali metal ethane 1-hydroxy disphosphonates; nitrilo trimethylene phosphonates; iminodiacetic acid-N-2-hydroxypropyl sulfonic acid; aspartic acid N- carboxymethyl N-2-hydroxypropyl-3-sulfonic acid; P- alanine-N,N-diacetic acid; aspartic acid-N,N'-diacetic acid; aspartic acid-N-monoacetic acid; iminodisuccinic acid, the alkali metal, alkaline earth metal, ammonium, or substituted ammonium salts thereof.

18. (*cancel*)

19. (*previously presented*) A tablet according to Claim 17, wherein the clay mineral compound is present in the coating as particles that have a size below 75µm diameter.

20. (*previously presented*) A tablet according to Claim 17, wherein the tablet is a softening tablet.

21. (*previously presented*) A tablet according to Claim 17, wherein the coating comprises an organic phosphonate ~~the~~ heavy metal ion sequestrant.

22. (*cancel*)

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23. *(previously presented)* A tablet according to Claim 17, wherein the perfume composition is free of perfume ingredient mixtures selected from the group consisting of Methyl Anthranilate and HydroxyCitronellal; Methyl Anthranilate and Methyl Nonyl Acetaldehyde; Methyl Anthranilate and PT Bucinal; Methyl anthranilate and Lyrall; Methyl Anthranilate and Ligustral; and mixtures thereof.

24. *(previously presented)* A tablet according to Claim 17, wherein the coating further comprises an acid having a melting temperature of at least 40°C.

25. *(previously presented)* A tablet according to Claim 24, wherein the acid having a melting temperature of at least 40°C has a crystallized structure.

26. *(previously presented)* A tablet according to Claim 25, wherein the acid forming the crystallized structure is a dicarboxylic acid.

27. *(previously presented)* A tablet according to Claim 17, wherein the coating consists essentially of adipic acid.

28. *(previously presented)* A tablet according to Claim 17, wherein the coating further comprises a component which is liquid at 25°C.

29. *(previously presented)* A tablet according to Claim 17, wherein the coating further comprises reinforcing fibers.

30. *(previously presented)* A tablet according to Claim 17, further comprising a flocculating agent.

Claims 31 and 32. *(canceled)*